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YOUNG MEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION.

CHURCH MEETING.

On Monday evening, 3rd November, the annual meeting of the Y. M. C. A. of Brandon, was held in their rooms on Princess Avenue. The president, Mr. Theo. Thompson, was in the chair, and there were present besides about 40 members of the association, and Mr. H. E. Browne, of New York, International Secretary, and Mr. C. M. Copeland, of Winnipeg, Provincial Secretary.

After devotional exercises had been engaged in the president gave a short address, stating the object of the meeting was the reception of reports of the work from the various committees for the past year, the election of officers, and the discussion of plans for the ensuing year. He then called on Mr. A. E. McKenzie for the report of the Finance committee, which revealed the fact that the association was closing the year with a deficit.

Mr. G. B. Coleman presented the report of the Devotional committee, and Mr. Class, McKim read that of the Mission committee, which showed that progress had been made along these lines of the work.

Mr. J. E. F. Powers was then called on for the report of the committee on Street Work, which was fairly satisfactory considering the nature of the work.

After the reading of these various reports, on motion they were received and ordered to be filed.

International Secretary H. E. Browne of New York was then called on for a few remarks. He talked on many points of great importance to association workers, dwelling especially on mistake of getting into debt, and urging that an effort be made to wipe out the deficit reported and begin the year free of debt. The result of this appeal was a new of the members present subscribed sufficient to pay off all debt and carry forward a balance of \$14.85.

The report of the committee appointed to nominate officers for the coming year was then read by the convener, Mr. W. H. Irwin, and the election resulted as follows:

President, Mr. Theo. Thompson, (re-elected); vice-president, Mr. C. A. Moore, provincial secretary, Mr. C. M. Copeland; Mr. A. E. McKenzie, Robert Darragh, directors, Messrs. J. E. Young, A. Whitelaw, F. W. Adams, Robt. Wilson and Jim Shirrell.

In addition to these is the chairman of the various standing committees who are yet to be chosen.

This closed the business of the evening, the benediction was pronounced by Rev. A. T. Philpot.

On Tuesday evening, November 4th, a public meeting was held in the Methodist church, in the interests of the association. On the platform were the president, Mr. Theo. Thompson, Revs. J. W. Pickett and W. H. Jenkins and Messrs. H. E. Browne and C. M. Copeland.

The meeting opened with short devotional exercises engaged in by Rev. Messrs. Pickett and Jenkins, after which the president gave a short address. He spoke of the necessity of work for young men, and outlined the plan it was intended to pursue during the coming year. After a vocal solo by Mr. J. H. Wallace, the secretary's report for the past year was read by Mr. W. T. Oliver. This covers in brief the whole of the work done by the association and we it give in full below.

Mr. C. M. Copeland, the provincial secretary for Manitoba, was then called on for an address. He spoke briefly of the work of the Y. M. C. A., pointing out what the association can do for the association and what the citizens owe to it, and asking that the local work be generously supported.

A trio by Messrs. Powers, Lowes and Wallace followed, after which the chairman introduced Mr. Brown to the audience. He is a man of about 60 years of age, and one who has given his life to work for young men. His address was full of practical suggestions for the better teaching of this class, just at the close opportunity was given to any to ask questions on my points of difficulty. Several questions were asked to which satisfactory answers were given.

An opportunity was then given to all to subscribe towards the support of the work for the coming year, and in a short time the sum of \$2,000 was raised. This amount included four subscriptions of \$100 each, three for \$50 and others of smaller amounts. The total amount required for the year is \$2,000, and there is no doubt but that this will be secured, for it is quite evident that the association has the hearty sympathy and support of the public.

The hymn "God be with you till we meet again" was then sung and Rev. H. W. Jenkins pronounced the benediction, thus bringing to a close one of the most successful meetings ever held in connection with the Y. M. C. A. of Brandon.

Below we give the secretary's report for the year ending 31st Oct., 1890.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the members, supporters, and friends of the Young Men's Christian Association, of Brandon.

In presenting this report it will be well to explain that it properly belongs to the sphere of the general secretary, but the association being at present without such an officer, it has fallen to the lot of the secretary to be bound for the time being to present it.

The first point of the work that we will bring under your notice is that of membership. At the close of the year 31st Oct., 1890, the roll showed a total of 104 names, much the larger proportion of whom are nominally active members.

Owing to the many changes in the constitution of the work of the association, the membership "has not been

very few inducements we have to offer young men to consider the association.

Among the removals we especially regret those of Messrs. R. P. McKim, for some time president of the association, H. J. Johnstone and N. McKenzie, all of whom, however, have graduated from the comparative limitations of partial work, into the larger field of direct service for the master; and we believe that all of them received their first inclination in this direction through their connection with our association here.

With regard to finances we are enabled in the past years to report all current expenses paid and a small balance in the treasury. The total receipts from all sources amounted to \$688.35, and the expenditure to \$673.50, leaving the sum of \$14.85 to be carried forward to next year.

In the religious department some financial statements will not be out of place. The total number of services of a religious nature held in the rooms was 22, the average attendance being 24. Outside of the rooms a total of 84 meetings of the kind were held with an average attendance of 31. As a result of all this effort we are able to report eight professed conversions. This may seem small, but considering the number, we must also remember the value of a soul truly changed from its past ways.

In the physical department nothing has been attempted, but the organization of a football club whose members we understand it is possible to be a constituent member of the Y. M. C. A. and a good athlete. In the coming year we hope to pay more attention to this branch and make it more prominent as a means of attracting young men.

In the social line we have only to report the holding of one reception that on New Years day. In it we were kindly assisted as usual by some of the ladies of the city, and during the afternoon visitors to the number of over 100 called at the rooms.

Under the head of the intellectual department we may mention the lecture delivered in April last, by the Rev. Alex. Grant of Winnipeg, under the auspices of the association, the subject being "The Revival of the last few centuries."

The use of the Methodist church was kindly granted for this occasion, and large numbers availed themselves of the opportunity to hear Mr. Grant.

Among various items we may report that several young men have been directed to boarding houses, employment found for a few, and some helped in various other ways. Also that a number of visits have been made by members of the association, to sick young men, and in one or two cases they have been set up again at night.

The reading room has been well patronized by young men, though since its removal from Rossier Avenue the attendance has somewhat decreased. In the early part of the year the number of visitors averaged from 25 to 30 daily, but since it has been situated on Princess Avenue the average has decreased to 15.

Through the kindness of one of our former members, Mr. Geo. Merrill, the rooms have been provided with an organ, which has proved a great benefit to the association, and for which we are deeply indebted to that gentleman.

At the Provincial Convention held in Winnipeg, last February, our association was well represented, and our president at that time, Mr. G. B. Coleman, was chosen as chairman of the convention, and another of our members, Mr. W. E. Elmerow, was elected secretary.

In connection with our general work we have to report that a conference was held here, Oct. 10th and 12th, at which Mr. C. M. Copeland, the provincial secretary, as well as a number of others from outside points. We were also favored with two visits from Mr. D. W. Corbett, who was filling the position of provincial secretary during the summer months.

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LOCAL NEWS

Sold Inspector Lang arrives in the city from Winnipeg on Friday.

Fourteen cars of silks and tea from Vancouver to the east passed through on Saturday.

Mr. Wheeler, traveller for the firm of Lyman & Co. of Montreal was in the city on Saturday on his return trip from the coast.

Saturday was a big wheat day not only on the street market but also with its movements on the railway. No less than ninety-six cars of wheat left the C. P. R. station here on that day.

We hope in a short time to be able to lay before our readers the report of Mr. Bedford of the Experimental farm for this season. That gentleman and his assistants are busy in preparing the report at the present time.

The staff in the yard of the C. P. R. at this point claim that they have had too much to do since what began to move. Mr. Scott Murray was in the city on Saturday making arrangements for an increase of the working staff.

Mr. Bedford of the Experimental farm received on Monday a large consignment of forest and shade trees from the Ottawa central farm. These comprise the most of those varieties that had been reported by Mr. Bedford as doing well here.

The Nor. West Farmer says: The manager of the experimental farm has issued through the different varieties of oats that were grown on the farm this year, and some of them made the remarkable showing of nearly 90 bush. to the acre.

A lecture by the Rev. Dr. Cochrane, subject: "Robert Burns and Scottish song", will be given in the Presbyterian church under the auspices of the Christian Endeavor on Friday evening, Nov. 21st. Don't forget the date, to-morrow evening, 7.30 p.m.

Mrs. P. A. Bogue, wife of the C. P. R. agent here, is a daughter of the late deceased Mr. Joshua Blackburn, editor and managing director of the London Free Press. We regret to hear that Miss Bogue is seriously indisposed owing to the sad news that reached her of the death of her father.

A Brantford correspondent of the Saskatchewan Times says: "The survey line of the North West Central Ry. is staked out and follows closely the trail from Eagle Creek down. In the part of the trail it has the eastern part near here those snowy slopes will have plenty of time to season before a train reaches to where they are.

Smyth Bros. are making some very extensive sales in stores these days. They handle the "Red cross" parlor heater which has won great favor wherever used. It is a self feeding base burner with double heating attachment and is constructed for Manitoba and the N. W. as well as their "Diamond red cross" which is more suited for halls and stores. The "Red cross" is more unusually handsome in appearance.

Mosses S. H. Bower & Co. having leased their premises on the corner of Pacific Av. and 10th St. to the wholesale firm of Messrs. Thompson and Cudville are having the store on Rosser Av. fitted up by A. C. Fraser & Co. fitted up in a very handsome and convenient manner. It is a pleasure to many of our citizens to know that Mr. Bower is not going to leave the city as it had been reported.

The old familiar firm name of Coombs & Stewart is once more going to be revived. It is to be regretted however that the business is not to be carried on in this city. Elkhorn is to have the advantage of the opening out of a stock by the revived firm. Mr. B. Coombs the senior partner of the old firm will be in charge of the new business and we bespeak for him a liberal patronage of the farmers of the district.

The popular C. P. R. conductor the genial "Joe" Fahy is now figuring in an other role. He is travelling agent for the company's excursions to Ontario and Quebec. We would not be afraid of betting our last nickel that if any man is as courageous to cover ground within a reasonable distance of "Joe" for hunting, shooting and flattering tongue that he will lay a ticket over the C. P. R. in preference to any other route.

Chief Foster is to the front again with a notice to hotel keepers and other house-holders as to the disposal of refuse from houses during the winter season. All such parties are to throw all slops and garbage in one heap, ashes in another and old tins and iron in another. This arrangement for the disposal of refuse will materially aid in the cleaning up process in the spring and the chief means to see that these orders are strictly carried out.

A correspondent from Glenburn, Elton, writes us particulars of a very pleasant evening spent there. There was a farewell meeting on the occasion of the departure of Mr. Cummings who has had charge of the Presbyterian mission at that place. There was a large attendance, the services presided by the ladies were of the best and Mr. Cummings was made the happy recipient of a flattering address and a most substantial token of his popularity in the shape of a well filled purse.

The London Free Press of the 12th inst. appeared in mourning on account of the death of Mr. Joshua Blackburn the manager of the experimental farm. Few of the residents of Manitoba who came from the western part of Ontario but are more or less acquainted with Mr. Blackburn either personally or by his writings. He was one of those who had only to be known to be respected for his sterling qualities. London has of late lost less time citizens but more missed than

wheat deliveries still keep on the increase, and Pacific Avenue on any fine day is a sight worth seeing. On Saturday the grain laden wagons occupied the street from the elevators clear up to the Merchants Hotel.

Lost on Sunday last, between 13th street and the Presbyterian church, a gold-plated brooch. Finder will be rewarded by leaving it at the residence of Mr. B. Graham, 13th St. between Rosser and Pacific Avenues.

Messrs. Alexander, Kelly & Co. shipped yesterday, over the Northern Pacific, four cars of flour for Glasgow. The mills as now run are doing grand work, and the flour turned out finds ready sale.

Editor Cliffe is expected to arrive home from his eastern tour on Friday. In connection with the bookstore he writes us that he has visited the leading book, stationery and fancy goods houses of Toronto and Montreal and has bought very extensively for the trade.

Post McKee has now got his academy in running order. Mr. McKee's reputation as an instructor and educationalist is well known throughout Western Manitoba that he needs no "puff" from us, but we beg leave to call the attention of our readers to the "cad" in another column.

The Northern Pacific through their popular local agent, J. P. Bishop, has issued an announcement in another page of this issue, which will be read with interest by any of our readers who are going to take advantage of the cheap excursions to the eastern provinces this winter.

Mr. T. C. Todd sold tickets to the following persons to take in the first excursion over the Northern Pacific Railway: Fred. Niagara Falls; H. Stephen, London; R. Whelans, Mrs. Whelans, Toronto; Mrs. McEwen, London; Miss Sondeau, Toronto and E. P. Hindopp, Montreal.

There are now many taking advantage of the C. P. R. cheap lady excursions to visit friends and relatives in the eastern provinces. The \$40 fare is within the reach of nearly all, and the accommodation and privileges offered by this route seems to meet the views of those intending an eastern trip. We understand that the company intend putting on a sleeping car service so as to secure better and more comfort for those patronizing them.

Mr. Thos. Prout of Portage la Prairie, who has a threshing outfit in the vicinity of this city for the past four weeks, was unfortunate in losing one of a valuable team of horses during the past week. The team attached to the winterized wagon was driven on the ice when the tank broke through and one of the horses in its endeavor to pull the horses out received such injuries that it died.

Attorney-General Martin not being satisfied with the result of the late criminal trial suit is still thirsting for vengeance on Luxton. On Monday last writs for a civil action were served on the editor of the Free Press. As the whole of the evidence taken in the criminal suit will have to be heard again it is a matter of devout thankfulness that in the forthcoming suit the country will not have to foot the bill of the beligerent litigants.

Comparatively few are aware that under the amendment to the Municipal Act passed at the last session of the legislature that the time of holding municipal elections has been changed. Nomination and voting to take place on the first Tuesday in December and polling on the third Tuesday.

This gives candidates a better chance for hand shaking, and the treating in a kind manner of course the free and independent electors.

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